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1. PARAS 1 AND 4 OF REFTEL PASSED BY EMBOFFS TO CARLOS BUSTOS, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE OF SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ON JUNE 23. BUSTOS CONFIRMED THAT CHILE WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT IWC JUNE 26-30 LONDON MEETING BY JOSE BERGUNO, MINISTER COUNSELOR OF CHILEAN EMBASSY IN LONDON. BUSTOS SAID BERGUNO WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO SEEK OUT USDEL HEAD RICHARD FRANK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON IWC MEMBERSHIP. WHEREAS GOC FULLY INTENDS TO JOIN IWC, BUSTOS SAID HE WAS NOT CERTAIN LONDON MEETING WAS MOST OPPORTUNE TIME TO ANNOUNCE THIS INTENTION. POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT, HOWEVER, AND DISCUSSED WITH OTHER GOC ENTITIES. DECISION WOULD THEN BE RELAYED TO BERGUNO, SAID BUSTOS.

2. FYI: JOSE BERGUNO IS THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF MFR OFFICE OF SPECIAL POLITICAL MATTERS. DURING WHICH TIME HE HANDLED A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VARIETY OF MATTERS, INCLUDING WHALES, LAW OF THE SEA AND ANTARCTIC AFFAIRS. BERGUNO IF 49 YEARS OLD, POSSESSES A LAW DEGREE FROM CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, A PHD. IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY. HE ALSO HAS ATTENDED COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND STUDIED IN BOTH ARGENTINA AND SPAIN. BERGUNO HAS BEEN A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND LAW

AND A WRITER AND MAGAZINE EDITOR. HIS FOREIGN SERVICE CAREER BEGAN IN 1953 AND HE HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AT LEAST TWICE: AS SECRETARY WITH THE CHILEAN PERMANENT COMMISSION TO THE UN (1956) AND AS SECRETARY TO CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (IN MID 60'S). HE WAS ALSO DCM IN LONDON IN 1970 AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO IN PARIS. BERGUNO SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND IS RECOGNIZED AS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CAPABLE CAREER DIPLOMAT.

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